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The mosquito brigade has been dissolved on account of lack of funds. The new disinfecting vessel, the *San Rafael*, has arrived and is being made ready for work.

ECUADOR.

Quarantine against certain ports in Chile and Peru on account of plague.

The consul-general at Guayaquil reports, under date of August 15, 1903, that ports of Ecuador have been closed against Valparaiso and Iquique in Chile and Pacasmayo and Mollendo in Peru.

FRANCE.

Plague at Marseille.

[Cablegram.]

MARSEILLE, September 13, 1903.

SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington:

Nine cases, 1 death, pneumonia. Suspect now officially declared bubonic plague. Isolation complete. No extension past week. Health city excellent.

MORGAN, Vice-Consul.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, August 28, as follows:

Plague.

Egypt.—Between the 8th and the 14th of August there were registered in the whole of Egypt 10 cases of plague (and 8 deaths), viz, in Alexandria 8 cases (6 deaths) and in Damiette 2 cases (2 deaths).

British India.—During the week ended July 25 there were registered in the Bombay Presidency 2,715 plague cases (and 1,897 deaths), of which 87 cases (74 deaths) occurred in the city of Bombay. According to this, the plague appears to have steadily increased in the Presidency since the middle of June, while during the five weeks between the 14th of June and the 18th of July the weekly average amounted to 1,710 cases and 1,220 deaths.

Hongkong.—During the period from the 28th of June to the 11th of July there were registered in Hongkong 58 plague cases (with 47 deaths).

Mauritius.—During the period from the 5th of June to the 2d of July there occurred on the island 5 cases of plague and 5 deaths.

British South Africa.—Cape Colony: Between the 19th and 25th of July, 1 case of plague occurred in East London. Plague rats continue to be found in Queenstown.

New Caledonia.—According to a report dated August 13, 26 fresh cases of plague have occurred in the north of New Caledonia, of which 18 had a fatal termination.